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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides processes, methods and intermediates for the preparation of 8-chloro-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-3-benzazepine, salts, hydrates and crystal forms thereof which are useful as serotonin (5-HT) receptor agonists for the treatment of, for example, central nervous system disorders such as obesity.

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1. claims: 1-21

a method for preparing a compound of Formula (I)

2. claim: 22

a method for resolving a mixture of compounds of Formula (Ia) and (Ib)

3. claims: 23-27

a method for preparing a compound of Formula (II)

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